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PANEL SUPPORT MEMBER**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit this Information Disclosure Statement, which includes a completed Form PTO-1449.

This application is the United States national phase of PCT Application Serial No. PCT/JP00/05941, filed September 1, 2000. Reference JP11-078983 is cited on pages 1-3 of the specification of the present application. An English abstract for reference JP11-078983 is enclosed and cited in the attached Form PTO-1449. The remaining references listed on Form PTO-1449 were each cited in an International Search Report dated December 19, 2000,

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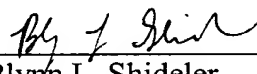
for the underlying PCT application. The degree of relevance for the remaining references are cited in the International Search Report. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Copies of the remaining references are not provided as the Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 C.F.R. §1.494 or 1.495, dated October 31, 2001, indicates that copies have been received.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), no fee is believed to be due for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, as it is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Nevertheless, the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed.

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